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Honorable Charles Wilson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Congressman Wilson:

This is in reply to your letter of February 2, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Robert E. Johnson, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

Mr. Johnson is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

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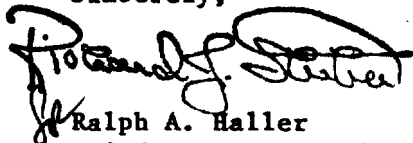
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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due May 28, 1993, and Reply Comments are due July 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,



Ralph A. Haller
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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February 2, 1993

The Honorable Alfred C. Sikes
Chairman, Federal
Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Sikes:

A copy of a letter from Mr. Robert E. Johnson of Jacksonville, Texas is enclosed. Mr. Johnson expresses concern about proposed docket no. 92-235. A copy of a letter from Mr. Krick of Huntsville on this same subject was sent to you earlier this week.

While I understand the need to plan for spectrum lines to accommodate new and future technologies, I share my constituents' concern that the rule change will have a negative impact on rural areas that are now and will be dependant on two-way radio communications for some time to come.

I would appreciate information on what plans the PCC has to address the special needs of rural areas in this rule change. Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Charles Wilson
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Dear Mr. Wilson,

I've never written or otherwise asked for help from my elected officials and you may think my problem is insignificant - I hope not! Please ask someone to brief you on the following;

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This proposed change by the FCC would authorize mobile land radios to use frequencies in the bandwidths now assigned to hobbyists flying radio controlled airplanes. I'm retired and the only pastime out here in the country is watching the Oilers and Cowboys and flying my model airplanes. What little money I have for a hobby is invested in legally authorized radio transmitters and receivers; now the FCC wants to allow new transmitters up to 4 times as strong to operate in our bands. It's kind of like the EPA telling all golfers that now they can't have a club shaft over 24" long! We take great care to fly these planes under strict safety rules authorized and insured by the Academy of Model Aeronautics but the FCC's proposal, if approved, would allow stronger transmitters to cause loss of control and ruin our hobby for thousands of its members and their families.

Please take a few minutes and call somebody in the FCC to tell them to play fair! We were here in this frequency band first we have not abused our privileges and they shouldn't either!

Sincerely,
Robert E. Johnson
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